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OPENING OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has assessed the need of opening of universities and colleges in view of the implementation of Right to Education Act, 2009;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to meet the future requirement of universities and colleges to meet the increased demand after the implementation of Right to Education Act, 2009?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): To raise the Gross Enrolment Ratio in Higher Education from the present 12.4% (approximately) to 30% by 2020, as per an estimate, over 27000 additional colleges and over 24000 technical colleges will be required. The National Knowledge Commission had estimated that 1500 universities would be needed, whereas the present number of university level institutions is 504. A mix of initiatives, in stepping up public investment, encouraging not-for-profit private participation and public private-partnerships, is the strategy towards capacity expansion in higher education.